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**Superman's Hometown Wins *Business Week's* 'Best Affordable Suburb' Designation**  
*Iowa's Own "Smallville" Wins Prestigious Award as Top Suburb in the State*

**Norwalk, Iowa (March 9, 2010)** – Growing faster than a speeding bullet. Providing quality, affordable housing in a single bound. What is it? It's [Norwalk, Iowa](#), of course. The hometown of [Brandon Routh](#), the actor who portrayed the man of steel in the most recent movie, has received *Business Week's* prestigious designation as Iowa's [best affordable suburb](#).

"We're honored that *Business Week* is drawing national attention to a quality of life that Norwalk residents already know," says Chris Nosbisch, development services director for City of Norwalk. "Norwalk has been attracting a steady flow of residents over the past decade, even during difficult economic times. Because of our somewhat secluded geographical location, we retain a small town appeal, which includes lower housing prices, while only a ten-minute drive from the metro. Norwalk is a rare gem compared to other suburbs. We're proud to receive this recognition."

Norwalk's population is close to 8,000, with the majority of residents commuting to Des Moines for employment. With an average age of 33, a median family income of \$79,106 and a median family home price of \$136,250, the city is proving very attractive to young Iowa families.

"As our residential sector expands, we're naturally finding commercial development a necessity," says Nosbisch. "Building in our city is definitely a win-win situation for everyone involved."

Currently, Norwalk has a country club, a private lake and public facilities such as two golf courses, parks, tennis courts and swimming pools. A mix of properties can be found in the Lakewood neighborhood, and new residential developments such as Ridge-Echo Valley, Legacy, and Orchard Hills are underway.

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**About Norwalk, Iowa**

The first settlers came to the Norwalk area around 1846, officially naming the town after establishing a new post office on June 18, 1856. Norwalk is located in Polk and Warren Counties, south of the Des Moines International Airport and Highway 5 bypass.

A 2005 estimate places resident numbers at 7,900, and households at 2,935. In addition to actor Brandon Routh, famous residents include Jason Momoa, star of the television show *Stargate: Atlantis*, and Joel Hanrahan, Major League Baseball pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates. For more information, please visit the [City of Norwalk](#) website.